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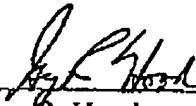
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IN A RELATIONAL DATABASE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

DECLARATION OF GEORGE R. HOOD UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.132

I, GEORGE R. HOOD, declare as follows:

1. I am a named inventor on the patent application identified above, and am authorized by the Assignee to make this declaration.
2. I am the sole inventor of the claims in the above-identified patent application.
3. The subject matter disclosed in the publication entitled Curley, "Royal Bank Uncarths Profitability Solution," which was cited by the Patent Office during the examination of the above-identified patent application, comprises a description of my invention. The publication includes statements concerning the invention that were made by representatives of NCR Corporation, the assignee of the above-identified patent application.
4. I have no knowledge of the publication, or any other publication, being published prior to one year before filing date of the above-identified patent application.
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